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Franz Hofmann et al.

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ARRANGEMENT

Examiner: D. Nhu

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 12 of this paper.

FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	19	- 20* =		X	
Independent	3	- 3** =		X	
First presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s) (if applicable)					
TOTAL					

*not less than 20

** not less than 3

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